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Active travel: A climate change mitigation strategy with co-benefits for health

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Abstract:

Reducing the burning of fossil fuels for transport will help reduce the rate of climate change and the severity of the impact of climate change. The alternatives to private motor vehicles include active travel modes such as walking, cycling and use of public transport. While simultaneously reducing carbon dioxide emissions and traffic congestion, active transport leads to increased levels of physical activity and social interaction. This article summarises a number of NSW active travel initiatives. Despite some positive steps in NSW, other Australian states have invested far more and can demonstrate greater changes in travel behaviour.

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Resource Description

Exposure: M

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Air Pollution, Unspecified Exposure

Geographic Feature: M

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

Geographic Location: M

resource focuses on specific location

Non-United States

Non-United States: Australasia

Health Co-Benefit/Co-Harm (Adaption/Mitigation): ■

specification of beneficial or harmful impacts to health resulting from efforts to reduce or cope with greenhouse gases

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Health Impact: M

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

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General Health Impact, Injury

Mitigation/Adaptation: ™

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Mitigation

Resource Type: **™**

format or standard characteristic of resource

Policy/Opinion

Timescale: M

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified